

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the election of species requirement dated June 16, 2004. This response is timely filed.

In the official action, the examiner indicated that the present claims are directed to fourteen distinct binding pair species, which are the combinations of a first molecule and a binding partner recited in claims 36-49. *See* official action at page 2.

In accordance with the requirement set forth in the official action, the applicants provisionally elect a binding pair combination wherein ftsZ is the first molecule and GTP is the binding partner.

Currently, claims 1-35 are generic in relation to the fourteen species identified by the examiner; claim 48 reads on the provisionally elected species; and, claims 36-47 and 49 do not read on the provisionally elected species and are not generic.

PRESENT AMENDMENT

Claim 24 has been amended merely to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the examiner wish to discuss any matter of form or procedure in an effort to advance this application to allowance, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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